development of food processing industries in the State of Bihar.

Incentives to 'Mahua' based Food Processing Industries in Bihar

2775. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Bihar is the ideal State for the establishment of 'Mahua' based food processing industries particularly for brewing beer and wine in View of availability of Mahua in abundance in the State; and

(b) if so, what incentives Government propose to give to the Mahua based food processing industries in the State of Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Government is aware that mahua is available in the tribal areas of Bihar. However, beer and wine are not high priority industries and no incentives are given by the Government of India for setting up of these industries.

Delicence the foreign liquor industries

2776. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to minimise to delicence the foreign liquor industries in the country;

(b) what is the number of alcoholic distilleries in the country State-wise;

(c) whether Government are considering to bring a bill in parliament for total "prohibition" in the country under "directive Principles of State Policy" of Constitution of India;

(d) whether total "Prohibition" Act would effect adverse economic conditions of the people of the country, and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) There is no proposal to delicence the Indian Made Foreign Liquor Industry in the country.

(b) The information is beign collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Lifting of ban on Cultivation and Marketing of Kesari Dal

2777. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest scientific analysis of "Lakhodi" or "Kesari" dal indicating that the pulse is harmless and can be safely consumed with nutritional diet;

(b) whether a representation in this regard has also been received by Government from the Academy of Nutrition Improvement, Nagpur;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to review the question of lifting ban on the cultivation and marketing of Kesari Dal imposed in certain States like Maharashtra; Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu; Uttar Pradesh; Rajasthan and others; and

(d) if so, what is the decision taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There ^s no proposal at